

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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ALEX PALLET SYSTEMS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 13-13567

BIFWORLD, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO AMEND THE COMPLAINT**

Alex Pallet Systems, LLC, begins an action in federal court and invokes the diversity jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. § 1332. In the complaint, however, Alex alleges party citizenship “on information and belief.” Alex’s hedging leaves the soundness of jurisdiction exposed, at a minimum, to fair question. See, e.g., *Life Share Collateral Holdings, LLC v. Albers*, 2012 WL 5471878, \*1 (D. Minn. 2012) (collecting authority) (“A bright-line rule that jurisdictional allegations may not be made ‘on information and belief’ appears sometimes to have been applied.”); *Lyerla v. AMCO Ins. Co.*, 462 F. Supp. 2d 931 (S.D. Ill. 2006) (“Allegations of federal subject matter jurisdiction may not be made on the basis of information and belief, only personal knowledge.”); *Multi-M Intern., Inc. v. Paige Med. Supply Co., Inc.*, 142 F.R.D. 150 (N.D. Ill. 1992) (“All allegations concerning the citizenship of the defendants are made upon ‘information and belief,’ a clearly improper locution under the current federal rules. . . . Accordingly, all of the allegations contained in the complaint concerning defendants’ citizenship must be ignored[.]”). Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Alex must by **September 13, 2013**, perfect the allegations of citizenship in an amended pleading. See 28 U.S.C. § 1653.

s/Robert H. Cleland  
ROBERT H. CLELAND  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: September 6, 2013

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed to counsel of record on this date, September 6, 2013, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

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